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The Mayor's Space

Mayor Brian Dalton *"Practically perfect in every way"*, attributed to the English philosopher, Mary Poppins.



It is the job of mayors everywhere to wax eloquent on the attributes of their city, town, village or hamlet. In this respect, Dallas is easy - it actually is rather wonderful. Indulge me in explaining why.

In real estate jargon, Dallas benefits from location, location, location. In the modern sense of travel, we are close to everything – let's say an hour and change. So, an easy drive to the mountains (real mountains, not hills), the spectacular Oregon Coast, downtown Portland and its International Airport, several universities including world-renowned Oregon and Oregon State, the State Capital, hundreds of wineries, recreation from mountain bikes to golf to dragon boats, world class medical centers and on and on.

And of our ambiance? Basically clean, neat, safe, comfortable and prosperous. It is the kind of place, when you lose your wallet, purse or dog in a public place, you're almost certain get it, him or her back. We know and care about our neighbors as they know and care about us. Call 911 and your service will be friendly, helpful and there right away – government is not scary.

What does our future hold? Will we prosper? Yes, and let me pull on just one thread.

The dratted COVID-19 carries with it the possibility of a radical redesign of work. Instead of the rat-race of commuting on a crowded Metro bus into downtown Portland to sit all day jammed into your cubicle in a soulless office tower, your enlightened boss, tired of paying astronomical rents, says you can work from home and show up once a week for half a day of group meetings. Why live in the West Hills (houses about \$800,000) if you can live in delightful Dallas, Oregon, have a garden and friendly neighbors and no gangs/graffiti/drive by shootings and Amazon delivers right to your door just like the Big City?

Sure, we have challenges related to attracting industry, commerce and home-town jobs, but with our tool kit regarding quality of life, resources and --- location ---, these challenges are actually opportunities to exploit.

Most everybody here loves this place. Easy to see why. Practically perfect in every way.

Be well.

The City Of Dallas Info Hub - A New Way To Engage With Facebook

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